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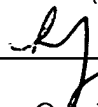
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-Final Office Action dated April 30, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The period for responding to the Office Action was initially set to expire on July 30, 2003, and with the granting of the accompanying petition and fee, the time for response is extended to October 30, 2003, and therefore this response is timely filed. No additional fee is believed to be due for this filing. Should any additional fee be due, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-2350. Should no separate petition for an extension of time accompany this communication, applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to make submission of the papers submitted herewith timely and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. For the purpose of charging said deposit account, duplicates of page 1 and the signature page of this response are submitted herewith.

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: